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Annan: "Clear signs of progress" in Kenya

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Kenya's government is showing "clear signs of progress" in implementing much-needed reforms Kofi Annan said on Tuesday.

The former United Nations Secretary General, who brokered a peace deal to end last year's post-election crisis, said on a visit to Nairobi: "Definitely, I sense a renewed energy, a renewed effort to implement reforms."

"The atmosphere's much better now than it was a few months ago," he added.

On Tuesday he welcomed progress since then, notably on drawing up a new constitution, but said there was more to be done.

Speaking after meeting with President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga, who both claimed victory in the 2007 polls and eventually agreed to share power, Annan spoke of "fresh momentum."

He cited the publication of a new draft constitution, moves pushing a crucial land reform as well as willingness to reform the police and cooperate with the International Criminal Court in its efforts to bring the perpetrators of post-electoral strife to justice.

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